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The story going around is that NEB's Tag polymerase is losing activity in the hands of the users. We have solved that problem by adding non-ionic detergents to the storage^{buffer}. Check the sample of Tag that NEB sent David (~20 Mar 87, see 2522:168) to see if it is still alive and if not, will 0.5% NP40/0.5% Tween 20 restore it.

A G M S: $10^4/100\mu\text{l}$

B H N T: 5

C I O U: 2.5

D J P V: 1.3

E K Q W: 0.6

F L R X: 0.3

A-F: "supernat" w/o detergent

G-L: "supernat" with detergent

M-R: "vortex" w/o detergent

S-X: "vortex" with detergent

Storage buffer: 100mM KCl, 10mM Tris 7.5, 5mM DTT, 0.1mM EDTA, 50% glycerol (NEB's ~~recipe~~ formulation)

Enzyme was not mixed, spun briefly in microfuge, and 5 μl near meniscus diluted into 15 μl storage buffer to get 20 μl @ 5 $\mu\text{l}/\mu\text{l}$ (Cetus units, see 2522:170) - this is the "supernat" fraction w/o detergent. Two microliters (10u) was taken to prepare serial dilutions A-F as described below. To the remaining 18 μl was added 1 μl 10% NP40/10% Tween 20 (final: 0.5% each) to make the "supernat" with detergent fraction and 2 μl taken for serial dilutions G-L.

The original tube of enzyme was vortexed to completely suspend any settled material. Enzyme was removed and distributed as above to prepare the "vortex" fractions and relevant serial dilutions.

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Molt 4 @ 100 μ g/ml, PC03 and PC04 @ 10 μ M, dNTP @ 6 μ M140 μ l Molt 4140 μ l 10x NEB Tag Salts140 μ l PC03140 μ l PC04140 μ l dNTP700 μ l H₂O1400 μ l \rightarrow 4x 100 μ l, 20x 50 μ l166 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄

670 mM Tris 8.8

67 mM MgCl₂

0.17% gelatin

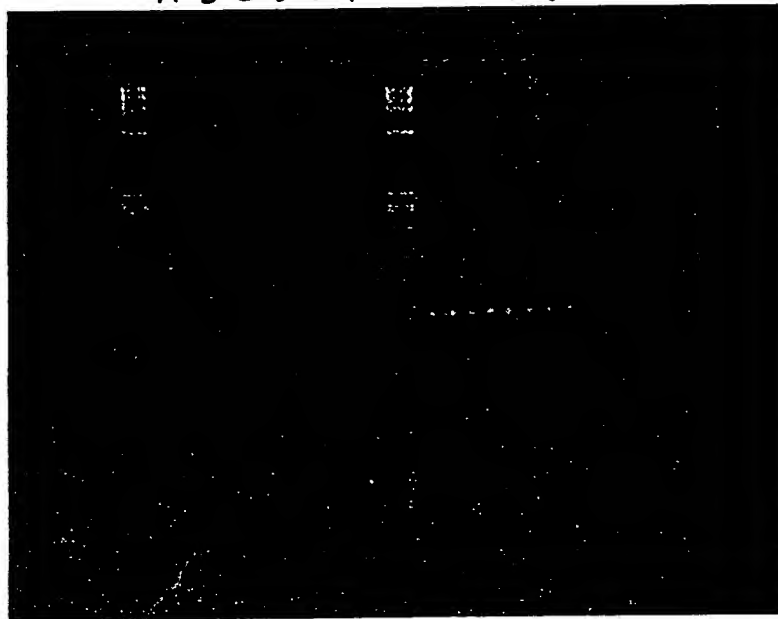
Two μ l (10 units) of the appropriately diluted enzyme (see previous page) was added to the 100 μ l samples and five 50 μ l two-fold serial dilution made for each. Samples were overlaid and subjected to 30 cycles using program described page 50 but with 0:30 min extension at 70°.

Load 5 μ l each onto 3% NuSieve/1% agarose/1xTBE.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L



"supernat"

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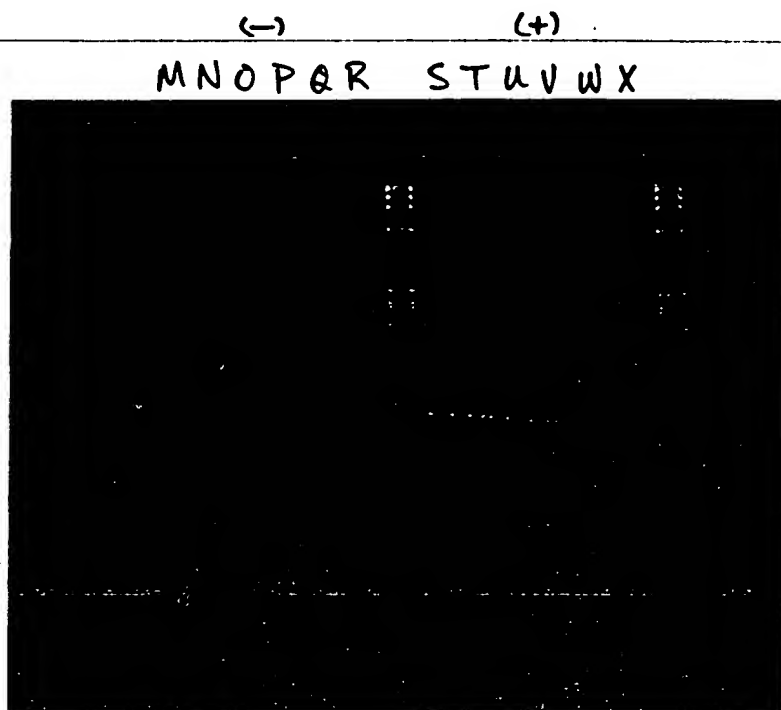
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"vortex"

Addition of detergents to storage buffer ^{fully} restores activity of enzyme. ~~to~~ Compare to titration of lot U3-1 (page 61, A-F) to see that enzyme in (+) detergent fractions at 5 μ l.

Without detergents there is no detectable amplification.

Don't see any significant differences between "supernat" and "vortex" samples. This suggests that the inactive enzyme does not readily fall out of solution.

Obviously, the ^{aggregation} problem NEB is having is readily solved by the addition of detergents to the storage buffer.

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